

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements

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REMARKS

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1. On 6 September 1951, 50 officers and about 200 troops from the Schuetzen Kaserne were entrained at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) railroad station. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried submachine guns, rifles, light machine guns, field bags and blankets. The unit which left the Schuetzen Kaserne toward Finow consisted of about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and was equipped with rocket

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Otherwise no changes were noticed at the Eberswalde military post. (1)

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2. The train which passed through the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) railroad station toward Loewenberg on 6 September carried troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with 5 x 105 - mm guns, 4 mortars and an undetermined number of trucks

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3. A motor column which moved into the restricted area at Oranienburg on 8 September, coming from the Gernsdorf railroad station, consisted of about 35 trucks partly loaded with billeting equipment and also 15 artillery pieces of about 70-mm. (3)

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4. A troop train which arrived at the Kuestrin-Mietz railroad station from Kroepelin at about 4 p.m. on 7 September carried: troops with red-bordered black epaulets and equipment in 16 cars; 8 x 76.2-mm artillery pieces; the train was subsequently unloaded. Another troop train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets and equipment on 16 cars; 8 x 76.2-mm artillery pieces; was unloaded there at about 10 a.m. on 8 September. (4)

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5. On 9 September, a train of 40 to 50 cars, carrying 5 or 6 boxcar loads of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, 16 mortars was seen at the Fuerstenberg railroad station, headed toward Neustrelitz. (5)

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6. A motor column seen on the Buchholz (N 54/U 23)-Roebel road at 2 p.m. on 7 September consisted of 4 vehicles towing 50-mm AT guns, 4 amphibious vehicles, and 45 sidecar motorcycles occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts including some with artillery insignia. A resident of Buchholz stated that motor columns have been moving daily from the area south of Buchholz toward Roebel since 3 September. These columns included tanks, AT guns, heavy mortars, armored personnel carriers, trucks and amphibious vehicles. A field exercise observed by source in the area north of Solzow involved 80 to 90 tanks driving in several formations. (6)

Comments.

- (1) The troops, who entrained, probably belong to one of the headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mezz Army which are stationed in the Schuetzen Kaserne. (2) belong to the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mezz Army.
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- (6) The Buchholz-Roebel area adjoins the Wittstock maneuver area to the north. It is possible that components of the 18th Mezz Div from the maneuver area may have practiced there, as is also indicated by the motor column traffic from the area south of Buchholz.

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